



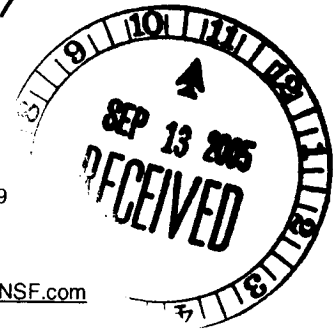
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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL

September 12, 2005

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Surface Transportation Board ("STB") Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 400X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Franklin, Nebraska and Red Cloud, Nebraska

Dear Secretary Williams:

On February 12, 2003, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of a 19.80-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost 216.95 near Franklin, in Franklin County, Nebraska and railroad milepost 197.15 near Red Cloud, in Webster County, Nebraska. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 68972, 68939, 68952 and 68970. By STB decision served March 5, 2003, BNSF was to consummate the abandonment by March 5, 2004. Pursuant to STB decision served December 23, 2004, the STB extended the consummation date until December 23, 2005. This letter is to advise you that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line between railroad milepost 216.95 and railroad milepost 202.01, a total distance of 14.94 miles. The remainder of the line is being retained for rail purposes.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

James H. Gallegos

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